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Abstract: Energy in Wireless Sensor Networks is a scarce resource, therefore an energy-efficient management is required to increase the network lifetime. In this paper, we study the problem of optimal power allocation, taking into account the estimation of total signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) at the Fusion Center (FC). We consider that nodes transmit their data to the Fusion Center over quasi-static Rayleigh fading channels (QSRC). In order to analyze our approach, we will investigate first the orthogonal channels, and secondly the non-orthogonal ones introducing a virtual MISO in the communication. We consider in both cases that the nodes have Channel State Information (CSI). Simulations that have been conducted using these two channel configurations show that, thanks to our new algorithm, the network lifetime is extended by an average that can reach 82,80% compared to the network lifetime in the other methods.

Keywords: MISO Cooperative; Cooperative Communication; QSRC; convex optimization.

1 Introduction

Wireless sensor networks (WSNs) represent a technological revolution resulting from convergence of electronic systems and wireless communication systems. A WSN is a special network composed of

a large number of nodes equipped with embedded processors, sensors, and radios. These nodes collaborate to accomplish a common task such as environment monitoring or tracking by collecting data and performing local processing. Actually, there are two ways to process sensed data. In the first one, the nodes exchange information (measurements) between them, and based

on this exchange each one of them gets the estimation of the measured parameter. In the second one, the data are routed over multiple nodes to reach a destination node named the Fusion Center (FC). In our work, we consider the case where all nodes have direct access to the FC.

The WSNs have been widely used in several areas, such as military operations, prevention against fires, public safety. In such areas, the sensors are often randomly placed (they can be dropped from an aircraft). Due to this arbitrary distribution which is frequently done in hostile or inaccessible environments and also due to the small size of sensors, energy becomes a scarce resource in WSNs. This fact automatically influences the lifetime of the sensors and, therefore, the lifetime of the whole network. So, an efficient energy management is necessary to maximize the network lifetime.

In order to solve this problem and put our work in perspective, we give a brief overview of related works. We begin by mentioning the work of (Nguyen et al. 2007) and (Marzetta & Hochwald 1999) which shows that considering the model of energy presented in (Cui et al. 1999), the total power consumption of a RF system consists of two main sources, namely the transmission power P_{pa} and the power dissipated in the circuit P_c by all RF blocks. for simplicity, the blocks of digital signal processing (coding, modulation, detection...) are omitted.

Based on the work in (Chouhan et al. 2009), in long-range applications, the energy efficient management focuses on minimizing the transmission energy only, where the circuit energy is not taken into account. However, in short-range applications the signal transmission energy required is not very high and is comparable to the circuit energy consumed in transmitting and receiving signal. Then, different approaches need to be taken into account to minimize the total energy consumption. To achieve this goal, we mention the work of Collin et al. (Collin et al. 2004) which proves that as to provide a reduced transmission power, the distance between the nodes should be reduced. Consequently, the cooperative approach is used (Nosratinia & Hedayat 2004)(Hunter & Nosratinia 2002)(Hunter & Nosratinia 2003), where information coming from the source node passes by a number of relay nodes before reaching the destination node improving energy efficiency.

Recently, Multi-antenna systems and relay transmission have been fully exploited and intensively studied in wireless networks; this is due to their potential to remarkably decrease the energy consumption. According to Belmaga et al in (Belmaga et al. 2010), Multi-Input Multi-Output (MIMO) systems are more energy efficient than SISO systems if the only consumed energy that is taken into account is the one used during transmission. However, when the circuitry energy consumption is also considered, this affirmation is no longer true.

Given the limited physical size of sensor nodes, they cannot carry multiple antennas at the same time, and knowing that the energy efficiency of MIMO

transmission is particularly useful for WSN, a new transmission technique named "Cooperative MIMO" has been introduced in (Cui et al. 2004) (Jayaweera 2006) (Abdellaoui et al. 2009). This technique is based on the cooperation principle where the existence of different nodes in the network is exploited to transmit the information from the source to a specific destination by virtually using the MIMO system (Shafi et al. 2003)(Sendonaris et al. 2003). The Cooperative MIMO allows to obtain the space-time diversity gain (Winters 1998), the reduction of energy consumption (Nguyen et al. 2007)(Jayaweera 2004), and the enhancement of the system capacity (Gesbert et al. 2003). In our work, we consider a "Cooperative MISO" where all nodes have direct access to the FC.

In (Nguyen et al. 2008), Nguyen et al. propose two techniques of cooperative reception to enhance energy efficiency. The whole space-time combination at the destination node is carried out by the first technique, while the second one independently performs signal processing and space-time combination at each cooperative node.

In (Belmaga et al. 2010), Li et al. introduce the low-energy adaptive clustering hierarchy (LEACH) framework to improve the energy-efficiency where the STBC cooperative transmission (Saxena et al. 2010) is applied.

In addition, several studies have explicitly addressed the problem of maximizing the network lifetime using various methods for minimizing the energy consumption. In (Y. Thomas Hou & Wieselthier 2007) optimal solutions are presented for maximizing a static network lifetime through a graph theoretic approach using static broadcast tree. In (Y. Thomas Hou & Wieselthier 2007) Thomas et al. have presented an optimal solution for maximizing the network lifetime through a graph theoretic approach using a static multicast tree. In (Chandrakasan 1999) (Shih 2001), the authors have explored the fundamental limits of energy-efficient collaborative data-gathering by deriving upper bounds on the lifetime of increasingly sophisticated sensor networks. Those authors assume that sensor nodes consume energy only when they process, send or receive data. In (Winters 1998), the authors have studied the node density vs. network lifetime trade off for a cell-based energy conservation technique. In (S. Cui & Bahai 2004), the authors propose an optimal configuration algorithm for the case where the information passes by a single relay to reach the destination creating several boughs. Their objective is to minimize the total transmission power subject to a required error rate at the destination. In this case, the transmission power of the source and all the relays are taken to be fixed and equal. In (Y. Thomas Hou & Wieselthier 2007), the authors have given an extension for the previous work where they have considered a strategy to enhance the performance of the previous algorithm. They have given an expression for the optimal allocation of transmission power amongst the selected relay nodes,

whereby the total network power for a given system SER is minimized. In (Winters 1998), the objective of the authors is to devise solutions that maximize network lifetime under such a minimal coverage constraint. Alfieri et al. proposed two solutions in order to maximize the network lifetime: the first one, based on column generation, must run in a centralized way, whereas the second one is based on a heuristic algorithm aiming at a distributed implementation. The main objective of the above mentioned works is to find the transmission powers when the nodes have no knowledge of their future transmissions. Thus, any optimization will have a stochastic nature. In literature, such problem is solved using the dynamic programming (Saxena et al. 2010). The complexity of dynamic programming can be expressed as $\Theta(M^E Q^M)$, where Q is the number of quantized levels of channels, M is the number of sensors, and E is the number of possible values for the residual energy of a sensor. Therefore, we are motivated to find a new approach less complex and more efficient in terms of lifetime.

Referring to the mentioned previous works, MIMO system (MISO: simplified version) is important to decrease the transmission power, and knowing that the optimal power allocation depends on the measures of the quality of service (QoS), namely the outage probability, capacity, SNR, and BER. Our work consists then to virtually introduce a MISO system and to consider the SNR constraint by creating a new algorithm less complex and more efficient in terms of lifetime. We use the orthogonal channels and the non-orthogonal one taking into account the total SNR constraint at the FC. In other words, the aim of this approach is to provide the optimal transmission power in order to maximize the network lifetime while guaranteeing the required performance.

This paper is organized as follows. Section II explains our method applied to the orthogonal channels and the non-orthogonal one considering that the nodes have direct access to the FC and the nodes transmit their data over a QSRC where the Channel State Information (CSI) is known by all the nodes. Section III, presents the conducted experiments and the last section concludes the paper.

2 Optimal power allocation schemes

In this section, we present our new method in order to maximize the network lifetime under the total SNR constraint at the FC. We consider that the nodes transmit their data over quasi-static Rayleigh fading channels. The following study can be adapted to the context of industrial applications in order to provide more efficient information. We consider that the sensors are distributed in different environments of a big factory where machines are very susceptible to fire. Therefore, these sensors are likely to detect a fire and transmit the information about it to the control center (the Fusion

Center). In the proposed system model, to analyze our new approach, we assume M sensors randomly distributed in the area of interest. When a monitored event occurs, the sensed observation made by an i^{th} sensor can be written as (Namin & Nosratinia 2008) :

$$x_i = \theta + n_i \quad (1)$$

,where θ is the actual parameter being measured and n_i is the additive complex Gaussian noise with $n_i \sim \mathcal{CN}(0, \sigma_{it}^2)$. The observation x_i is multiplied by the amplification gain w_i , and then transmitted by the sensors to the FC. Therefore, the transmission power is written as $p_i = w_i^2(1 + \sigma_{it}^2)$ assuming that $E[\theta^2] = 1$ where $E[\cdot]$ is the mathematical expectation operator.

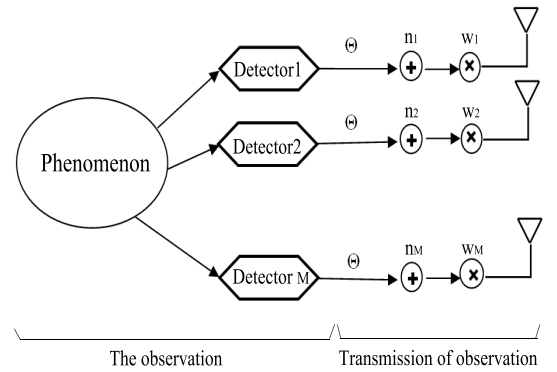


Figure 1 Observation system

2.1 Orthogonal Channels

We consider the problem of optimal power allocation for WSNs when using an orthogonal channels between each sensor and the FC taking into account that the nodes have Channel State Information (CSI). In addition, we suppose that a linear minimum mean square-error (LMMSE) detector (Madhow & Honig 1999) is used at the receiver. This hypothesis will make easier the calculation of SNR at the FC, knowing that the latter is the sum of all the required SNRs from each sensor. In this transmission kind, we determine the SNR corresponding to each sensor in order to meet the overall SNR constraint ensuring that the sum of these SNRs is equal to the total SNR at the FC thanks to the use of the orthogonal channels.

2.1.1 System Model

We assume M sensors randomly distributed in the area of interest using an orthogonal channels between the FC and each sensor (see figure 2). The received signal at the FC from i^{th} sensor is defined by:

$$y_i = h_i w_i (\theta + n_i) + n_{ir}$$

where n_{ir} is the noise at the FC with a complex Gaussian distribution $n_{ir} \sim \mathcal{CN}(0, \sigma_{ir}^2)$ and h_i is the i^{th} channel

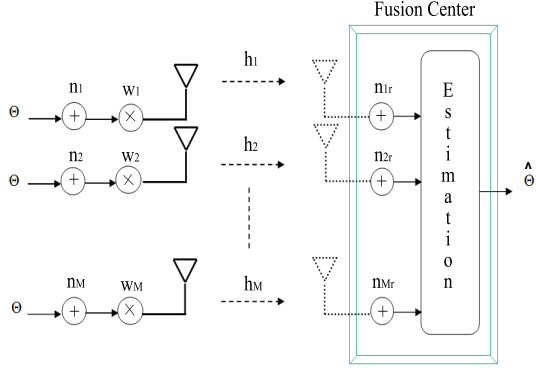


Figure 2 System model using Orthogonal channels

coefficient from the sensor i to the FC. We assume that $|h_i|$ has a Rayleigh distribution.

$$f(|h_i|) = \frac{|h_i| e^{-\frac{|h_i|^2}{2\sigma_{hi}^2}}}{\sigma_{hi}^2}$$

where σ_{hi}^2 is known.

The SNR corresponding to the i^{th} sensor using the MMSE detector, as it is detailed in the appendix D, is given by:

$$SNR_i = \frac{p_i |h_i|^2}{\sigma_{it}^2 p_i |h_i|^2 + (1 + \sigma_{it}^2) \sigma_{ir}^2} \quad (2)$$

Since we use the orthogonal channels, the total SNR at the FC will be the sum of all the required SNRs from each sensor. Then, the total SNR of all sensors at the FC can be written as follows:

$$SNR = \sum_{i=1}^M SNR_i = \sum_{i=1}^M \left[\frac{p_i |h_i|^2}{\sigma_{it}^2 p_i |h_i|^2 + (1 + \sigma_{it}^2) \sigma_{ir}^2} \right]$$

2.1.2 Problem Formulation

If channel conditions are measured every T seconds and just before the start of each transmission, and if we consider that the number of transmissions before the network runs out of energy is N (the first node gets depleted), the network lifetime is given by (Namin & Nosratinia 2008):

$$\Lambda = N \times T \quad (3)$$

Hence, to maximize the lifetime of the network it is sufficient to maximize the number of transmissions for each sensor N , taking into account the quality constraint defined as the estimation of the SNR at the FC being greater or equal than a target value γ . Then the formulation of our problem is:

$$\begin{cases} \text{Max } N \\ E \left[\sum_{i=1}^M SNR_{ij} \right] \geq \gamma, j = 1, \dots, N \\ p_{ij} \geq 0 \end{cases} \quad \forall j$$

Where SNR_{ij} is the SNR corresponding to the i^{th} sensor during the j^{th} transmission period and p_{ij}

is the corresponding transmission power during the j^{th} transmission period. Using the weak law of large numbers (Namin & Nosratinia 2008) and maintaining that $\sum_{j=1}^N p_{ij} < \varepsilon_i$, we obtain:

$$\begin{cases} \text{Max } N \\ \sum_{j=1}^N \sum_{i=1}^M SNR_{ij} \geq N\gamma, j = 1, \dots, N \\ p_{ij} \geq 0 \end{cases} \quad \forall j$$

where ε_i is an initial energy for the i^{th} sensor.

The estimated value of the SNR is the average SNR corresponding to the i^{th} sensor at the FC over network lifetime, given by:

$$\gamma_i = E \left[\frac{p_{ij} |h_{ij}|^2}{\sigma_{it}^2 p_{ij} |h_{ij}|^2 + (1 + \sigma_{it}^2) \sigma_{ir}^2} \right] = E[S_i] \quad (4)$$

It will be possible to decompose our problem into M single convex optimization problems thanks to the use of the orthogonal channels where the overall SNR at the FC is the sum of all the required SNRs for each sensor. Thus, instead of maximizing the whole network lifetime, we will maximize the individual lifetime of each sensor ensuring that the sum of all the required SNRs of each sensor is equal to the SNR at the FC.

Hence, to maximize the individual lifetime it is adequate to minimize the transmission power. Therefore, the formulation of our problem becomes:

$$\begin{cases} \text{Min } \sum_{j=1}^N p_{ij} \\ \sum_{j=1}^N SNR_{ij} \geq N\gamma_i \\ p_{ij} \geq 0 \end{cases} \quad \forall j$$

Using the Lagrangian method, we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}(p, \lambda, \nu) = & \sum_{j=1}^N p_{ij} - \sum_{j=1}^N \lambda_j p_{ij} \\ & + \nu_i \left[N\gamma_i - \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{p_{ij} |h_{ij}|^2}{\sigma_{it}^2 p_{ij} |h_{ij}|^2 + (1 + \sigma_{it}^2) \sigma_{ir}^2} \right] \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

The Karush-Kuhn-Tucker (KKT) conditions (H.Wei & j. Kubokawa 1998) are as follows:

$$\begin{cases} \lambda_j \geq 0, \nu_i \geq 0, \lambda_j p_{ij} = 0 \quad \forall j \\ \nu_i \left[N\gamma_i - \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{p_{ij} |h_{ij}|^2}{\sigma_{it}^2 p_{ij} |h_{ij}|^2 + (1 + \sigma_{it}^2) \sigma_{ir}^2} \right] = 0 \\ \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial p_{ij}} = 1 - \lambda_j + \nu_i \left[\frac{\sigma_{ir}^2 |h_{ij}|^2 (1 + \sigma_{it}^2)}{[\sigma_{it}^2 p_{ij} |h_{ij}|^2 + (1 + \sigma_{it}^2) \sigma_{ir}^2]^2} \right] = 0 \end{cases}$$

Taking into account this KKT conditions, we conclude that $\nu_i > 0$ and $\lambda_j = 0$. Then, we obtain the following solution:

$$p_{ij} = \frac{\sqrt{(1 + \sigma_{it}^2) \sigma_{ir}^2}}{\sigma_{it}^2 |h_{ij}|^2} [|h_{ij}| \sqrt{\nu_i} - \sqrt{(1 + \sigma_{it}^2) \sigma_{ir}^2}] \quad (6)$$

Now, the challenge is to find the value of ν_i ; for this reason, we must express the $\gamma_i = E[S_i]$ in terms of our

optimal power transmission, and derive the $E[p_i]$. The received SNR at the FC from the i^{th} sensor during the j^{th} transmission is given by:

$$S_{ij} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\sigma_{it}^2} - \frac{\alpha_i}{\sigma_{it}^2} \frac{1}{|h_{ij}|} & |h_{ij}| \geq \alpha_i \\ 0 & |h_{ij}| < \alpha_i \end{cases}$$

Then, $E[S_i]$ can be expressed by (see Appendix A):

$$E[S_i] = \frac{1}{\sigma_{it}^2} \exp\left(\frac{-\alpha_i^2}{2\sigma_{hi}^2}\right) - \frac{\alpha_i}{\sigma_{it}^2} \left[\frac{\sqrt{2\pi}}{2\sigma_{hi}} [1 - \text{erf}\left(\frac{\alpha_i}{\sqrt{2}\sigma_{hi}}\right)] \right] \quad (7)$$

where $\alpha_i = \sqrt{\frac{(1+\sigma_{it}^2)\sigma_{ir}^2}{\nu_i}}$ and $\text{erf}()$ is an unilateral error function that is defined as follows:

$$\text{erf}(x) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^x e^{-u^2} du$$

Then, p_i can be expressed in terms of the SNR as follows:

$$p_i = \frac{\alpha_i \nu_i}{|h_{ij}|} S_{ij}$$

Following the same lines as the previous equation, we find:

$$E[p_i] = \frac{\sqrt{\pi} \nu_i \alpha_i}{\sqrt{2} \sigma_{hi} \sigma_{it}^2} \left[1 - \text{erf}\left(\frac{\alpha_i}{\sqrt{2}\sigma_{hi}}\right) \right] - \frac{\nu_i \alpha_i^2}{2\sigma_{it}^2 \sigma_{hi}^2} E_1 \left[\frac{\alpha_i^2}{2\sigma_{hi}^2} \right]$$

where $E_n = \int_1^\infty \frac{e^{-xt}}{t^n} dt$ ($x > 0, n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$) is the exponential integral function.

On the other hand, $\varepsilon_i = \sum_{j=1}^N p_{ij} = N \times E[p_i]$, assuming that $T = 1s$ then

$$N = \frac{\varepsilon_i}{E[p_i]} \quad (8)$$

Then, the expected sensor lifetime can be determined as follows:

$$N = \frac{\varepsilon_i}{\frac{\sqrt{\pi} \nu_i \alpha_i}{\sqrt{2} \sigma_{hi} \sigma_{it}^2} \left[1 - \text{erf}\left(\frac{\alpha_i}{\sqrt{2}\sigma_{hi}}\right) \right] - \frac{\nu_i \alpha_i^2}{2\sigma_{it}^2 \sigma_{hi}^2} E_1 \left[\frac{\alpha_i^2}{2\sigma_{hi}^2} \right]} \quad (9)$$

After finding the expected value of SNR over network lifetime for each sensor, we will assign these last by ensuring that the sum of these SNRs is equal to the total SNR at the FC. In order to satisfy our condition we use the algorithm 1.

2.2 Non-Orthogonal Channel

In this section, we consider that nodes transmit their data to the FC over a QSRC using the Non-Orthogonal channel taking into account that the nodes have Channel State Information (CSI). To illustrate the process, we begin the analysis by considering only two transmitting nodes, afterward we generalize the process by considering M transmitting nodes.

Algorithm 1 Algorithm for SNRs allocation

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1: INIT :
2:  $N = N_0$ 
3:  $\nu_i = \text{RETURN}(\text{equ}(9)), i = 1, \dots, M$ 
4:  $E[S_i] = \text{RETURN}(\text{equ}(7)), i = 1, \dots, M$ 
5: BEGIN :
6: while  $|\sum_{i=1}^M E[S_i] - \gamma| > \epsilon$  do
7:    $N \leftarrow N \frac{\gamma}{\sum_{i=1}^M E[S_i]}$ 
8:    $\nu_i = \text{RETURN}(\text{equ}(9)), i = 1, \dots, M$ 
9:    $E[S_i] = \text{RETURN}(\text{equ}(7)), i = 1, \dots, M$ 
10: end while
11: return  $\gamma_i = E[S_i]$ 
12: END

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2.2.1 Virtual MISO ($N_t = 2, N_r = 1$)

a) System Model

We assume M sensors randomly distributed in the area of interest using Non-Orthogonal channels between the FC and each sensor and considering that the FC has CSI. We begin the analysis by considering only two transmitting nodes where $N_t = 2$ and $N_r = 1$.

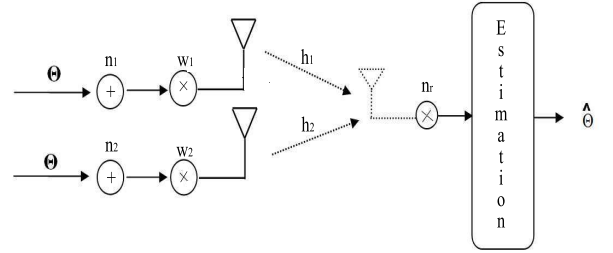


Figure 3 System Model

The received signal at the FC is defined by:

$$y = h_1 w_1 (\theta + n_1) + h_2 w_2 (\theta + n_2) + n_r \quad (10)$$

where h_1 (respectively h_2) is the channel coefficient from the 1st sensor (respectively 2nd sensor) to the FC (see figure 3) such as these coefficients are Independently Identically Distributed (i.i.d). We assume that $|h_i|$ has a Rayleigh distribution:

$$f(|h_i|) = \frac{|h_i| e^{-\frac{|h_i|^2}{2\sigma_{hi}^2}}}{\sigma_{hi}^2}$$

where σ_{hi}^2 is known.

Assuming that we use real channels and following the same lines as in Appendix D, the SNR at the FC corresponding to both sensors using the MMSE detector is given by:

$$SNR = \frac{(|h_1|w_1 + |h_2|w_2)^2}{\sigma_{1t}^2 w_1^2 |h_1|^2 + \sigma_r^2 + \sigma_{2t}^2 w_2^2 |h_2|^2} \quad (11)$$

b) Problem Formulation

Maximizing the network lifetime relies on minimizing the amplifications gain at the l^{th} instant; $w_1^{(l)}$ and $w_2^{(l)}$.

In this case, our problem can be formulated as:

$$\begin{cases} \text{Min } w_1^{(l)^2}(1 + \sigma_{1t}^2) + w_2^{(l)^2}(1 + \sigma_{2t}^2) \\ \text{SNR}^{(l)} \geq \gamma \quad l = 1, \dots, N \\ w_i^{(l)} \geq 0 \quad \forall l \end{cases}$$

Consequently, the Lagrangian \mathcal{L} can be written as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}(w^{(l)}, \lambda, \nu) = & w_1^{(l)^2}(1 + \sigma_{1t}^2) + w_2^{(l)^2}(1 + \sigma_{2t}^2) - \lambda_1 w_1^{(l)} \\ & - \lambda_2 w_2^{(l)} + \nu_l \left[\gamma(w_1^{(l)^2}|h_1^{(l)}|^2\sigma_{1t}^2 + \sigma_r^2 + w_2^{(l)^2}|h_2^{(l)}|^2\sigma_{2t}^2) \right] \\ & - \nu_l \left[(w_1^{(l)}|h_1^{(l)}| + w_2^{(l)}|h_2^{(l)}|)^2 \right] \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

The Karush-Kuhn-Tucker (KKT) conditions (H.Weil & j. Kubokawa 1998) are as follows:

$$\begin{cases} \lambda_i \geq 0, \nu_l \geq 0, \lambda_i w_i^{(l)} = 0 \quad \forall l, i = 1, 2 \\ \nu_l [\gamma(w_1^{(l)^2}|h_1^{(l)}|^2\sigma_{1t}^2 + \sigma_r^2 + w_2^{(l)^2}|h_2^{(l)}|^2\sigma_{2t}^2) - (w_1^{(l)}|h_1^{(l)}| + w_2^{(l)}|h_2^{(l)}|)^2] = 0 \\ \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial w_i^{(l)}} = 2w_i^{(l)}(1 + \sigma_{it}^2) - \lambda_i + 2\nu_l \gamma |h_i^{(l)}|^2 w_i^{(l)} \sigma_{it}^2 \\ - 2\nu_l |h_i^{(l)}| \left[(w_i^{(l)}|h_i^{(l)}| + w_{k \neq i}^{(l)}|h_{k \neq i}^{(l)}|) \right] = 0 \end{cases}$$

Taking into account the KKT conditions, we find that $\nu_l > 0$ and $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 0$. Then, we obtain the following solution:

$$\begin{cases} w_1^{(l)} = \sqrt{\frac{\gamma \sigma_r^2 \Upsilon_2^2}{|h_1^{(l)}|^2 [(1 + \sigma_{1t}^2) \Upsilon_2^2 + (\Upsilon_2 - 1 + \sigma_{ir}^2) + 2\nu_l \Upsilon_2 |h_2^{(l)}|^2]}} \\ w_2^{(l)} = \sqrt{\frac{\gamma \sigma_r^2 \Upsilon_1^2}{|h_2^{(l)}|^2 [(1 + \sigma_{2t}^2) \Upsilon_1^2 + (\Upsilon_1 - 1 + \sigma_r^2) + 2\nu_l \Upsilon_1 |h_1^{(l)}|^2]}} \end{cases} \quad (13)$$

We denote that $\Upsilon_2 = [\nu_l |h_2^{(l)}|^2 (\sigma_{2t}^2 \gamma - 1) + (1 + \sigma_{2t}^2)]$ and $\Upsilon_1 = [\nu_l |h_1^{(l)}|^2 (\sigma_{1t}^2 \gamma - 1) + (1 + \sigma_{1t}^2)]$.

The Lagrangian parameter ν_l , as it is detailed in the appendix B, can be written as follows:

$$\nu_l = \frac{\sqrt{[\nu_l |h_1^{(l)}|^2 (\sigma_{1t}^2 \gamma - 1) + (1 + \sigma_{1t}^2)]}}{|h_1^{(l)}|} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{[\nu_l |h_1^{(l)}|^2 (\sigma_{2t}^2 \gamma - 1) + (1 + \sigma_{2t}^2)]}}{|h_2^{(l)}|} \quad (14)$$

Note that ν_l can be found numerically using the "Fminsearch" (J.C.Lagarias et al. 1998) function in MATLAB.

2.2.2 Virtual MISO (Generalized: $N_t = M$)

In this section, we consider the same assumptions as in the previous section, and generalize the process by considering M transmitting nodes taking into account that the nodes have Channel State Information (CSI) (see figure 4). In this case, the channel condition is known by the transmitters, this requires some energy to be spent on energy acquisition.

a) System Model

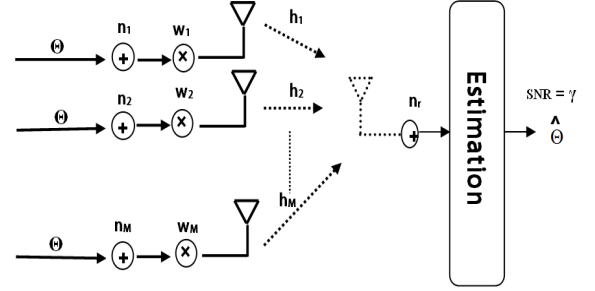


Figure 4 System Model

The received signal at the FC from i^{th} sensor is defined by:

$$y = \sum_{i=1}^M h_i w_i (\theta + n_i) + n_r$$

where h_i is the i^{th} channel coefficient from the sensor i to the fusion center such that these coefficients are i.i.d distributed. We assume that $|h_i|$ has a Rayleigh distribution where σ_{hi}^2 represents the well known variance. Where

$$f(|h_i|) = \frac{|h_i| e^{-\frac{|h_i|^2}{2\sigma_{hi}^2}}}{\sigma_{hi}^2} \quad (15)$$

Assuming that we use real channels and following the same lines as in Appendix D, the SNR at the FC corresponding to M sensors using the MMSE detector is given by:

$$SNR = \frac{(\sum_{i=1}^M |h_i| w_i)^2}{\sum_{i=1}^M w_i^2 |h_i|^2 \sigma_{it}^2 + \sigma_r^2} \quad (16)$$

Our aim is to maximize the batteries lifetime duration while keeping the expected value of SNR greater than or equal to a target value γ .

b) Problem Formulation

At the l^{th} instant, maximizing the lifetime relies on minimizing the power consumption, therefore the problem formulation is given as follows:

$$\begin{cases} \text{Min } \sum_{i=1}^M w_i^{(l)^2} (1 + \sigma_{it}^2) \\ \text{SNR}^{(l)} \geq \gamma \quad l = 1, \dots, N; \\ P_i \geq 0 \end{cases} \quad (17)$$

To find the optimal points, we use the Lagrange method while satisfying the constraints quoted before. The Lagrangian \mathcal{L} can be written as follows:

$$\mathcal{L}(w_i^{(l)}, \lambda, \nu) = \sum_{i=1}^M w_i^{(l)2} (1 + \sigma_{it}^2) - \sum_{i=1}^M \lambda_i w_i^{(l)} + \nu_l \left[\gamma \left[\sum_{i=1}^M w_i^{(l)2} |h_i^{(l)}|^2 \sigma_{it}^2 + \sigma_r^2 \right] - \left[\sum_{i=1}^M w_i^{(l)} |h_i^{(l)}| \right]^2 \right] \quad (18)$$

Let us consider the Karush-Kuhn-Tucker (KKT) conditions for the problem:

$$\begin{cases} \lambda_i \geq 0, \quad \nu_l \geq 0, \quad \lambda_i w_i^{(l)} = 0 \\ \nu_l \left[\gamma \left[\sum_{i=1}^M w_i^{(l)2} |h_i^{(l)}|^2 \sigma_{it}^2 + \sigma_r^2 \right] - \left[\sum_{i=1}^M w_i^{(l)} |h_i^{(l)}| \right]^2 \right] = 0 \\ \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial w_k^{(l)}} = 0 \end{cases}$$

Then, the partial derivative of \mathcal{L} with respect to w_k is:

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial w_k^{(l)}} = 2w_k^{(l)} (1 + \sigma_{kt}^2) - \lambda_k + 2\nu_l \gamma |h_k^{(l)}|^2 \sigma_{kt}^2 w_k^{(l)} - 2\nu_l |h_k^{(l)}| \left(\sum_{i=1}^M w_i^{(l)} |h_i^{(l)}| \right) \quad (19)$$

Taking into account the KKT conditions, we find that $\nu_l > 0$ and $\lambda_k = 0$. Thus,

$$w_k^{(l)} = \frac{\nu_l |h_k^{(l)}| \left(\sum_{i=1}^M w_i^{(l)} |h_i^{(l)}| \right)}{(1 + \sigma_{kt}^2) + \nu_l \gamma |h_k^{(l)}|^2 \sigma_{kt}^2} \quad (20)$$

We refer to appendix C for the details, Equation (20) becomes:

$$w_k^{(l)} = \frac{\nu_l |h_k^{(l)}|}{\left[(1 + \sigma_{kt}^2) + \nu_l \gamma |h_k^{(l)}|^2 \sigma_{kt}^2 \right]} * \frac{\sigma_r \sqrt{\gamma}}{\sqrt{1 - \gamma \nu_l^2 \left[\sum_{i=1}^M \frac{|h_i^{(l)}|^4}{\left[(1 + \sigma_{it}^2) + \nu_l \gamma |h_i^{(l)}|^2 \sigma_{it}^2 \right]^2 \sigma_{it}^2} \right]}} \quad (21)$$

where

$$\left[\sum_{i=1}^M w_i^{(l)} |h_i^{(l)}| \right]^2 = \frac{\gamma \sigma_r^2}{1 - \gamma \nu_l^2 \left[\sum_{i=1}^M \frac{|h_i^{(l)}|^4}{\left[(1 + \sigma_{it}^2) + \nu_l \gamma |h_i^{(l)}|^2 \sigma_{it}^2 \right]^2 \sigma_{it}^2} \right]}$$

The Lagrangian parameter ν_l , as it is detailed in the appendix B, can be written as follows:

$$\sum_{i=1}^M \frac{|h_k^{(l)}|^2}{1 + \sigma_{kt}^2 (1 + \nu_l \gamma |h_k^{(l)}|^2)} = \frac{1}{\nu_l}$$

This equation is not written in a closed-form solution. Therefore, it can be solved numerically using the function "fminsearch" (J.C.Lagarias et al. 1998).

3 Simulation and Discussion

Several simulations have been conducted using MATLAB in order to compare and evaluate the behavior of our novel approach. In the order to demonstrate the performance of our new algorithm, we will compare it to three methods, namely the EP method (Equal Power) in which we attribute the power to each sensor according to its residual energy (Goudarzi & Pakravan 2008), the MTTP method (Minimum Total Transmission Power) which consists of minimizing the total transmission power across all the nodes while satisfying a distortion requirement on the joint estimate (S. Cui & Poor 2005), and the U.F method (Utility Function) which is defined as a measure of the mutual satisfaction of maximizing throughput (number of information bits delivered accurately) and minimizing energy consumption (Belmega et al. 2010) (Abdellaoui et al. 2009). For each simulation, we study the network lifetime while increasing the number of nodes. The simulations parameters are generated randomly such that each parameter p belongs to a uniform distribution between ψ and φ , $p \in U[\psi, \varphi]$. These parameters are summarized in tables representing the simulation parameters.

3.1 Evaluation of the Proposed Method in the Orthogonal channels case.

Figure 5 shows the behavior of the lifetime network while increasing the number of nodes using orthogonal channels. As can be seen, the proposed approach outperforms other methods concerning the network lifetime. Actually, the network lifetime is extended by an average that can reach 70,52% thanks to the use of the orthogonal channels where the overhead SNR at the FC is the sum of the SNRs coming from each sensor. The figure reports the robustness of the proposed method since it achieves always better results for all number of sensors. In fact, the proposed method offers an improvement between 1 and 10 sensors that can attempt 20%. Beyond 15 sensors the improvement becomes more important and reaches the maximum value at 70 sensors. Table 1 shows the parameters used for simulations.

| Estimate | Parameters |
|----------------|---|
| $U[0.1, 0.4]$ | σ_{hi}^2 : The variances of channel estimation |
| $U[0.2, 0.4]$ | σ_{ir}^2 : The noise variances at the FC |
| $U[0.02, 0.2]$ | σ_{it}^2 : The observation noise variances |
| $U[200, 500]$ | ε_i : The initial energy |

Table 1 Simulations parameters

3.2 Evaluation of the Proposed Method in Non-Orthogonal channels

3.2.1 Virtual MISO Configuration ($N_t = 2$)

Our new method is more effective than the EP method concerning network lifetime. The batteries lifetime

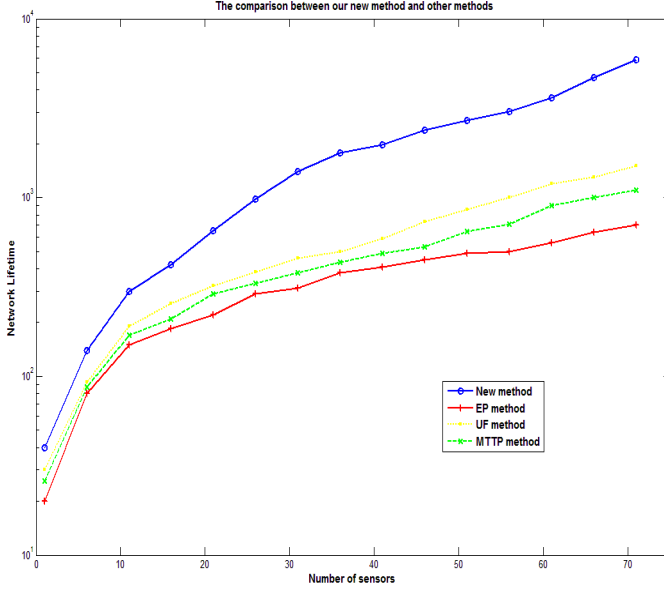


Figure 5 The comparison between our method and other methods concerning network lifetime using the orthogonal channels

duration is extended by an average of 76,30%. Table 2 shows the parameters used for simulations.

| Estimate | Parameters |
|----------------|---|
| $U[0.1, 0.2]$ | σ_{hi}^2 : The variances of channel estimation |
| 0.05 | σ_r^2 : The noise variance at the FC |
| $U[0.02, 0.1]$ | σ_{it}^2 : The observation noise variances |
| $U[200, 500]$ | ε_i : The initial energy |

Table 2 Simulations parameters

3.2.2 Virtual MISO Configuration (Generalized)

Figure 6 depicts the behavior of the network lifetime while increasing the number of nodes. It is observed that using the proposed method increases the network lifetime by an average that can reach 82,80% compared to the one obtained by other methods. Actually, the curves show that the network lifetime is clearly extended when the number of sensors exceeds 8. While between 1 and 8 sensors, the improvement is less important in terms of network lifetime. Table 3 shows the parameters used for simulations.

| Estimate | Parameters |
|----------------|---|
| $U[0.1, 0.2]$ | σ_{hi}^2 : The variances of channel estimation |
| 0.05 | σ_r^2 : The noise variance at the FC |
| $U[0.02, 0.1]$ | σ_{it}^2 : The observation noise variances |
| $U[200, 500]$ | ε_i : The initial energy |

Table 3 Simulations parameters

4 Conclusion

This paper presents a new algorithm which aims at minimizing the power consumption and consequently

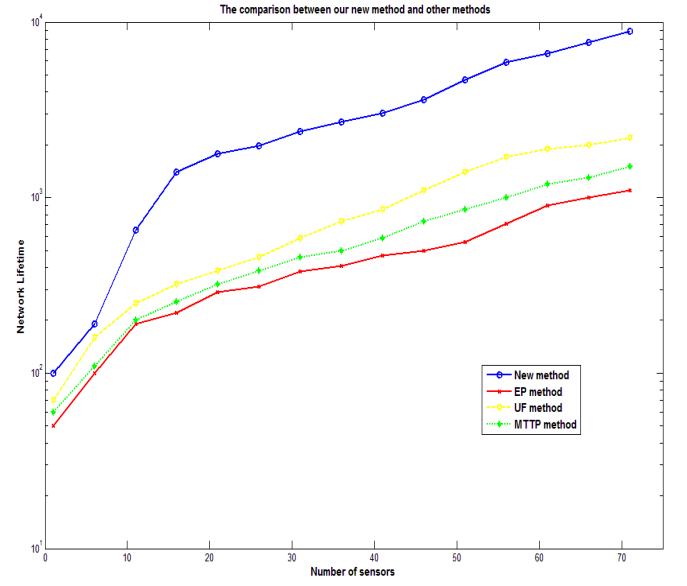


Figure 6 The comparison between our method and other methods concerning the network lifetime using the Non-Orthogonal channels

maximize the network lifetime. This method takes into consideration the estimation of the overall SNR at the FC.

Our simulations show that our new method using the orthogonal channels scheme and Non-Orthogonal one, consumes less energy than the other methods. The future work is to apply our new method to Non-Orthogonal channels assuming that the channel coefficients are unknown.

Appendix A

In order to find the value of ν_i , we must express the $\gamma_i = E[S_i]$ in terms of the optimal power transmission scheme, given by equation (7), and then derive the $E[p_i]$. The received SNR at the FC from the i^{th} sensor during the j^{th} transmission is given by:

$$S_{ij} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\sigma_{it}^2} - \frac{\alpha_i}{\sigma_{it}^2} \frac{1}{|h_{ij}|} & |h_{ij}| \geq \alpha_i \\ 0 & |h_{ij}| < \alpha_i \end{cases} \quad (22)$$

where $\alpha_i = \sqrt{\frac{(1+\sigma_{it}^2)\sigma_{ir}^2}{\nu_i}}$

For calculate the $E[S_i]$, we consider the following lemma (Namin & Nosratinia 2008) knowing that the random variable Y is defined in terms of another random variable X:

$$\varphi = \begin{cases} C + g(X) & X > b \\ 0 & X < b \end{cases}$$

then,

$$E[\varphi] = C \int_b^\infty f(x)dx + \int_b^\infty f(x)g(x)dx$$

where $f(x)$ is the pdf of X.

Then, $E[S_i]$ can be expressed by:

$$E[S_i] = \frac{1}{\sigma_{it}^2} \exp\left(\frac{-\alpha_i^2}{2\sigma_{hi}^2}\right) - \frac{\alpha_i}{\sigma_{it}^2} \int_{\alpha_i}^\infty \frac{1}{\sigma_{hi}^2} \exp\left(\frac{-x^2}{2\sigma_{hi}^2}\right) dx$$

Then,

$$E[S_i] = \frac{1}{\sigma_{it}^2} \exp\left(\frac{-\alpha_i^2}{2\sigma_{hi}^2}\right) - \frac{\alpha_i}{\sigma_{it}^2} \left[\frac{\sqrt{2\pi}}{2\sigma_{hi}} \left[1 - \operatorname{erf}\left(\frac{\alpha_i}{\sqrt{2}\sigma_{hi}}\right) \right] \right] \quad (23)$$

where $\operatorname{erf}(\cdot)$ is an unilateral error function that is defined as follows:

$$\operatorname{erf}(x) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^x \exp(-u^2) du$$

Hence,

$$E[p_i] = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}\nu_i\alpha_i}{\sqrt{2}\sigma_{hi}\sigma_{it}^2} \left[1 - \operatorname{erf}\left(\frac{\alpha_i}{\sqrt{2}\sigma_{hi}}\right) \right] - \frac{\nu_i\alpha_i^2}{2\sigma_{it}^2\sigma_{hi}^2} E_1 \left[\frac{\alpha_i^2}{2\sigma_{hi}^2} \right]$$

where $E_n = \int_1^\infty \frac{\exp(-xt)}{t^n} dt$ ($x > 0, n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$) is the exponential integral function. From (5), the expected sensor lifetime can be determined as follows:

$$N = \frac{\varepsilon_i}{\frac{\sqrt{\pi}\nu_i\alpha_i}{\sqrt{2}\sigma_{hi}\sigma_{it}^2} \left[1 - \operatorname{erf}\left(\frac{\alpha_i}{\sqrt{2}\sigma_{hi}}\right) \right] - \frac{\nu_i\alpha_i^2}{2\sigma_{it}^2\sigma_{hi}^2} E_1 \left[\frac{\alpha_i^2}{2\sigma_{hi}^2} \right]} \quad (24)$$

Appendix B

Taking into account the KKT conditions, we find that $\nu_l > 0$ and $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 0$. The partial derivative of \mathcal{L} with respect to w_1 and w_2 :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial w_1^{(l)}} &= 2w_1^{(l)}(1 + \sigma_{1t}^2) - \lambda_1 + 2\nu_l\gamma|h_1^{(l)}|^2 w_1^{(l)} \sigma_{1t}^2 \\ &\quad - 2\nu_l|h_1^{(l)}| \left[(w_1^{(l)}|h_1^{(l)}| + w_2^{(l)}|h_2^{(l)}|) \right] = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial w_2^{(l)}} &= 2w_2^{(l)}(1 + \sigma_{2t}^2) - \lambda_2 + 2\nu_l\gamma|h_2^{(l)}|^2 w_2^{(l)} \sigma_{2t}^2 \\ &\quad - 2\nu_l|h_2^{(l)}| \left[(w_2^{(l)}|h_2^{(l)}| + w_1^{(l)}|h_1^{(l)}|) \right] = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

Thus,

$$w_1^{(l)} = \frac{\nu_l|h_2^{(l)}|w_2^{(l)}|h_1^{(l)}|}{\nu_l|h_1^{(l)}|^2(\sigma_{1t}^2\gamma - 1) + (1 + \sigma_{1t}^2)} \quad (27)$$

$$w_2^{(l)} = \frac{\nu_l|h_1^{(l)}|w_1^{(l)}|h_2^{(l)}|}{\nu_l|h_2^{(l)}|^2(\sigma_{2t}^2\gamma - 1) + (1 + \sigma_{2t}^2)} \quad (28)$$

To calculate ν_l , we replace (27) in (28) and get:

$$\begin{aligned} w_1^{(l)} &= \frac{\nu_l|h_2^{(l)}||h_1^{(l)}|}{\nu_l|h_1^{(l)}|^2(\sigma_{1t}^2\gamma - 1) + (1 + \sigma_{1t}^2)} \\ &\quad * \frac{\nu_l|h_1^{(l)}|w_1^{(l)}|h_2^{(l)}|}{\nu_l|h_2^{(l)}|^2(\sigma_{2t}^2\gamma - 1) + (1 + \sigma_{2t}^2)} \end{aligned} \quad (29)$$

Then, we divide by w_1 and obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} \nu_l &= \frac{\sqrt{[\nu_l|h_1^{(l)}|^2(\sigma_{1t}^2\gamma - 1) + (1 + \sigma_{1t}^2)]}}{|h_1^{(l)}|} \\ &\quad * \frac{\sqrt{[\nu_l|h_1^{(l)}|^2(\sigma_{2t}^2\gamma - 1) + (1 + \sigma_{2t}^2)]}}{|h_2^{(l)}|} \end{aligned} \quad (30)$$

Note that ν_l can be found numerically using the "Fminsearch" (J.C.Lagarias et al. 1998) function in Matlab. Now, we must search $w_1 = f(\nu_l)$ and $w_2 = f(\nu_l)$.

From (11), we have:

$$\gamma[\sigma_{1t}^2 w_1^{(l)^2} |h_1^{(l)}|^2 + \sigma_{ir}^2 + \sigma_{2t}^2 w_2^{(l)^2} |h_2^{(l)}|^2] = (|h_1^{(l)}|w_1 + |h_2^{(l)}|w_2)^2$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma\sigma_{ir}^2 &= w_1^{(l)^2} |h_1^{(l)}|^2 [1 - \gamma\sigma_{1t}^2] + w_2^{(l)^2} |h_2^{(l)}|^2 [1 - \gamma\sigma_{2t}^2] \\ &\quad + 2w_1^{(l)}w_2^{(l)} |h_1^{(l)}||h_2^{(l)}| \end{aligned} \quad (31)$$

We replace (27) in (31), and find:

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{\nu_l^2 |h_2^{(l)}|^4 |h_1^{(l)}|^2 w_1^{(l)^2}}{[\nu_l |h_2^{(l)}|^2 (\sigma_{2t}^2\gamma - 1) + (1 + \sigma_{2t}^2)]^2} [1 - \gamma\sigma_{2t}^2] \\ &\quad + w_1^{(l)^2} |h_1^{(l)}|^2 [1 - \gamma\sigma_{1t}^2] \\ &\quad + w_1^{(l)^2} \frac{2\nu_l |h_2^{(l)}|^2 |h_1^{(l)}|^2}{\nu_l |h_2^{(l)}|^2 (\sigma_{2t}^2\gamma - 1) + (1 + \sigma_{2t}^2)} = \gamma\sigma_{ir}^2 \end{aligned} \quad (32)$$

We note that $\Upsilon_2 = [\nu_l |h_2^{(l)}|^2 (\sigma_{2t}^2\gamma - 1) + (1 + \sigma_{2t}^2)]$ and $\Upsilon_1 = [\nu_l |h_1^{(l)}|^2 (\sigma_{1t}^2\gamma - 1) + (1 + \sigma_{1t}^2)]$. Finally,

$$\begin{cases} w_1^{(l)} = \sqrt{\frac{\gamma\sigma_{ir}^2 \Upsilon_2^2}{|h_1^{(l)}|^2 [(1 + \sigma_{1t}^2)\Upsilon_2^2 + (\Upsilon_2 - 1 + \sigma_{ir}^2) + 2\nu_l \Upsilon_2 |h_2^{(l)}|^2]}} \\ w_2^{(l)} = \sqrt{\frac{\gamma\sigma_{ir}^2 \Upsilon_1^2}{|h_2^{(l)}|^2 [(1 + \sigma_{2t}^2)\Upsilon_1^2 + (\Upsilon_1 - 1 + \sigma_{ir}^2) + 2\nu_l \Upsilon_1 |h_1^{(l)}|^2]}} \end{cases} \quad (33)$$

Appendix C

Taking into account the KKT conditions, we find that $\nu_l > 0$ and $\lambda_k = 0$ where $k \in 1, 2, \dots, M$. Thus,

$$w_k^{(l)} = \frac{\nu_l |h_k^{(l)}| (\sum_{i=1}^M w_i^{(l)} |h_i^{(l)}|)}{(1 + \sigma_{kt}^2) + \nu_l \gamma |h_k^{(l)}|^2 \sigma_{kt}^2} \quad (34)$$

Where

$$\sum_{i=1}^M w_i |h_i| = \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} w_i |h_i| + \sum_{i=k+1}^M w_i |h_i| + w_k |h_k|$$

To find the value of $\sum_{i=1}^M w_i^{(l)} |h_i^{(l)}|$ we replace (34) in (19), and it becomes:

$$\begin{aligned} \left[\sum_{i=1}^M w_i^{(l)} |h_i^{(l)}| \right]^2 &= \gamma \left[\sum_{i=1}^M \frac{\nu_l^2 |h_i^{(l)}|^4 (\sum_{i=1}^M w_i^{(l)} |h_i^{(l)}|)^2}{(1 + \sigma_{it}^2) + \nu_l \gamma |h_i^{(l)}|^2 \sigma_{it}^2} \sigma_{it}^2 + \sigma_r^2 \right] \\ &= \gamma \nu_l^2 \left(\sum_{i=1}^M w_i^{(l)} |h_i^{(l)}| \right)^2 \left[\sum_{i=1}^M \frac{|h_i^{(l)}|^4}{(1 + \sigma_{it}^2) + \nu_l \gamma |h_i^{(l)}|^2 \sigma_{it}^2} \sigma_{it}^2 \right] + \gamma \sigma_r^2 \end{aligned} \quad (35)$$

Then,

$$\left[\sum_{i=1}^M w_i^{(l)} |h_i^{(l)}| \right]^2 = \frac{\gamma \sigma_r^2}{1 - \gamma \nu_l^2 \left[\sum_{i=1}^M \frac{|h_i^{(l)}|^4}{[(1 + \sigma_{it}^2) + \nu_l \gamma |h_i^{(l)}|^2 \sigma_{it}^2]^2} \sigma_{it}^2 \right]} \quad (36)$$

Finally, equation (34) becomes:

$$w_k^{(l)} = \frac{\nu_l |h_k^{(l)}|}{[(1 + \sigma_{kt}^2) + \nu_l \gamma |h_k^{(l)}|^2 \sigma_{kt}^2]} \times \frac{\sigma_r \sqrt{\gamma}}{\sqrt{1 - \gamma \nu_l^2 \left[\sum_{i=1}^M \frac{|h_i^{(l)}|^4}{[(1 + \sigma_{it}^2) + \nu_l \gamma |h_i^{(l)}|^2 \sigma_{it}^2]^2} \sigma_{it}^2 \right]}} \quad (37)$$

Now, the challenge is to find the value of ν_l . Therefore, we multiply equation (34) by $|h_k|$, and obtain:

$$|h_k^{(l)}| w_k^{(l)} = \frac{\nu_l |h_k^{(l)}|^2 (\sum_{i=1}^M w_i^{(l)} |h_i^{(l)}|)}{(1 + \sigma_{kt}^2) + \nu_l \gamma |h_k^{(l)}|^2 \sigma_{kt}^2} \quad (38)$$

After that, we compute the sum of all the resulting equations, we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^M |h_k^{(l)}| w_k^{(l)} &= \sum_{k=1}^M \frac{\nu_l |h_k^{(l)}|^2 (\sum_{i=1}^M w_i^{(l)} |h_i^{(l)}|)}{(1 + \sigma_{kt}^2) + \nu_l \gamma |h_k^{(l)}|^2 \sigma_{kt}^2} \\ &= \left(\sum_{i=1}^M w_i^{(l)} |h_i^{(l)}| \right) \sum_{k=1}^M \frac{\nu_l |h_k^{(l)}|^2}{(1 + \sigma_{kt}^2) + \nu_l \gamma |h_k^{(l)}|^2 \sigma_{kt}^2} \end{aligned}$$

Then,

$$\sum_{i=1}^M |h_k^{(l)}| w_k^{(l)} \left[1 - \sum_{k=1}^M \frac{\nu_l |h_k^{(l)}|^2}{(1 + \sigma_{kt}^2) + \nu_l \gamma |h_k^{(l)}|^2 \sigma_{kt}^2} \right] = 0$$

Since $\sum_{k=1}^M h_k^{(l)} w_k^{(l)} \neq 0$, we obtain:

$$\sum_{k=1}^M \frac{|h_k^{(l)}|^2}{1 + \sigma_{kt}^2 (1 + \nu_l \gamma |h_k^{(l)}|^2)} = \frac{1}{\nu_l} \quad (39)$$

This equation is not written in a closed-form solution. Therefore, it can be solved numerically using the function "fminsearch" (J.C.Lagarias et al. 1998).

Appendix D

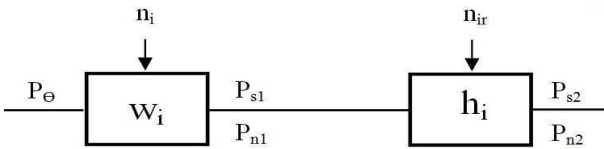


Figure 7 System Model

Assuming that we use real channels, the SNR corresponding to the i^{th} sensor using the MMSE detector is given by (Figure 7):

$$SNR_i = \frac{p_{s2}}{p_{n2}} = \frac{p_{s1} |h_i|^2}{\sigma_{ir}^2 + p_{n1} |h_i|^2}$$

Then,

$$SNR_i = \frac{w_i^2 |h_i|^2 p_\theta}{\sigma_{ir}^2 + \sigma_{it}^2 |h_i|^2 w_i^2}$$

Since $p_\theta = 1$, then

$$SNR_i = \frac{w_i^2 |h_i|^2}{\sigma_{it}^2 w_i^2 |h_i|^2 + \sigma_{ir}^2}$$

We express the SNR_i in terms of transmission power, we obtain:

$$SNR_i = \frac{p_i |h_i|^2}{\sigma_{it}^2 p_i |h_i|^2 + (1 + \sigma_{it}^2) \sigma_{ir}^2}$$

$$SNR_i = \frac{w_i^2 |h_i|^2}{\sigma_{it}^2 w_i^2 |h_i|^2 + \sigma_{ir}^2}$$

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